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SUBJ: MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN NIGER

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1. NIGER HOPES FOR TWO MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS
(EXCLUDING ROADS) IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS: A RAILROAD
AND POSSIBLE PORT FACILITIES ON THE RIVER NIGER.

2. THREE RAILROAD SCHEMES APPEAR MOST LIKELY TO MERIT
FUTURE ATTENTION:

A. PARAKOU (BENIN) TO NIAMEY ROUTE. SHORTEST
DISTANCE TO NIAMEY AND THUS LEASE EXPENSIVE OPTION. THIS
WOULD REQUIRE, HOWEVER, EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS ON PRESENT
BENIN PORTION OF ROUTE BETWEEN CONTONOU AND PARAKOU. WOULD
PROVIDE NIAMEY WITH DIRECT PORT ACCESS.

B. LOME-NIAMEY ROUTE: WOULD LESSEN NIGER'S DEPENDENCE UPON
SOMETIMES UNPREDICTABLE SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR, BENIN, PROJECT
WOULD LIKELY INCLUDE A SPUR TO MALI AND THUS NECESSITATE
REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NIGER, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA
AND MALI.

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C. EXTENSION TO NIAMEY OF ABIDJAN TO OUAGADOUGOU
RAILWAY. WOULD COMPLETE ORIGINAL PLAN TO LINK ABIDJAN
AND NIAMEY BY RAIL. ENTIRE NEW LINE WOULD LIKELY BE
NEEDED TO MEET INCREASE IN FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

3. WATER TRANSPORTATION: PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP TO
DEVELOP PORT FACILITIES AT BOTH NIAMEY AND GAYA USABLE

4-6 ONTHS AYEAR. PLANS CALL FOR SIMPLE PORT FACILITIES
FOR BOTH CITIES AND THE ELEVATION OF THE GAYA-MALANVILLE
BRIDGE WHICH SPANS THE RIVER NIGER AT BENIN-NIGER BORDER.
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